REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-17 and 23 are presently active in this case and were allowed as stated in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 18, 2005. Claims 5, 12, and 16 are amended to correct minor errors uncovered during a post-allowance review of the application. Support for amended Claims 5 and 16 is found in original Claims 5 and 16. Support for amended Claim 12 is found in the Applicants' specification at least at page 17, lines 11-25.

Applicants thank Examiner Choe for the information provided during a telephone conversation on November 22, 2004. During the conversation, Examiner Choe indicated that amending Claim 12 to recite "each of the first voltage-to-current converter, the second voltage-to-current converter and the third voltage-to-current converter" instead of "each of the first voltage-to-current converter, the second voltage-to-current converter and the second voltage-to-current converter" would require the filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to reopen prosecution of the application because he indicated the amendment would raise a "new issue" requiring further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, the present amendment is submitted concurrently with an RCE in order to correct minor errors uncovered during the post-allowance review of the application.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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